The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 14th day of March 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Purchase of lands and houses by sub-registrars.

875 *Q.*—Mr. A. M. AHMAD MIRAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state the names of sub-registrars who applied for permission to purchase lands and houses in the years 1921 and 1922 arranged according to caste as Brahmans, non-Brahmans, Muhammadans and Christians ; in how many cases permission was refused by the Inspector-General ; what are their names and what is the cause for refusal of permission ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Communal representation in the inferior service.

876 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the object of the Government in issuing G.O. No. 658, Public, dated 15th August 1922, is to include the number of inferior servants appointed in the return called for by the Government ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that peons and other inferior servants are included in the half-yearly return ?

A.—The hon. Member will find the reply to his questions in paragraph 3 of the Government Order on which they are based.

Moslem representation in the Registration Department in Ganjām.

877 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans employed in the Ganjām district as clerks and sub-registrars by the present Inspector-General ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Translation into vernaculars of all Government Orders relating to depressed classes.

878 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Home Member, the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is the intention of Government to publish in the vernaculars a gist of all the Government Orders issued by the Government